

**Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) MINUTES**  
**Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**AmericInn, Fort Pierre**

**SILC MEMBERS PRESENT:** Margot Burton, Patrick Czerny, Matt Cain, Lyle Cook, Larry Puthoff, Isabel Trobaugh, Vona Johnson, Tammy Kabris, Sarah Rush, Bernie Grimme, Dave Miller, and Sandy Neyhart. **SILC MEMBERS ABSENT:** Steve Stewart, Shelly Schock, Monte Tschetter, Annette Gamber, and Ken Rollman. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Grady Kickul, DRS, Gaye Mattke, DSBVI; Marla Bull Bear, NAAP; Julie Paluch and Jessica Ryhkas, Interpreters; Shelly Pfaff and Faith Korkow, SILC staff.

**OPENING ACTIONS:** **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS** – Margot, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:40 with a greeting to all, especially new members, and asked for introductions. **Meeting Protocol** – Shelly reminded members of the meeting protocol, especially who can or can't vote by a show of hands and verbally; and who can make, and second motions. **Approval of Agenda** – After confirming everyone had a copy, Margot called for any changes or additions. Shelly suggested that under her report, they remove the item "review SILC nominations". **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED – MADE (M), SECONDED (S) AND CARRIED (C).**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – After confirming everyone received and reviewed a copy of the May 8<sup>th</sup> minutes; Margot called for changes/additions. Hearing none, **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN – MSC.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Margot called for public comment; there were none.

**DRS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Director's Comments** - Grady welcomed everyone. For newer members, he explained how the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) has recently reinterpreted the law and told the SILC that they were out of compliance for having had state agency staff on the council for too long. So recently there were many new appointments to the SILC. This is a transitional phase for the SILC, and we should look at this as an opportunity to breathe new life into the group and to move forward with fresh ideas. Due to the lateness of the appointments, one new member missing today is Steve Stewart, whom you'll meet next time.

Grady next mentioned the coming federal budget cuts, and the gloom and doom picture being presented by the media. He feels we need to wait until January 2013 until we buy into that dark picture. He says we will survive these cuts as we've always survived other setbacks.

Grady spoke of a meeting in Rapid City August 9<sup>th</sup>, where Department of Human Services (DHS) Secretary Laurie Gill met with the board of Western Dakota Resources for Independence (WRDI) including Jeff Wegman, a banker/finance person, and their Executive Director, Ann Van Loan. It was a very good meeting. Grady said they seem to have great new leadership on board, and they're working to diversify their funding sources. Federal Part C funds are static and they are never enough. Centers need to diversify and not be overly reliant on federal grant monies; Grady praised WRDI for their efforts.

Next, Grady turned the report over to Bernie Grimme. Bernie shared a handout on the Fall Conference (See attachment A) and explained that this year's conference will be in Spearfish, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. It's theme is "Oyate Ki Kawita Upi – The People coming Together". He thanked fellow SILC member, Lyle Cook, who has helped serve as their cultural advisor. Bernie reviewed many speakers, including Geri Jewell, Erin Riehle, Jim Warne, Juan Portley, Rob Hoffman and JR LaPlante. There are numerous breakout sessions available, including a Native American track. Continuing education credits will be available, as well as vendors and door prizes. Registration is still open; for further details call Bernie or SILC Staff.

Grady added that JR LaPlante, the Wednesday luncheon speaker, is Secretary of Tribal Relations. This is a new Cabinet position created by Governor Dennis Daugaard. This conference is a partnership designed to help all of us focus on "coming together" to ensure all people receive needed VR services in culturally appropriate ways. Grady explained that the SILC will cover members' registration fee, travel expenses, motel and mileage. If you are interested in attending, contact SILC Staff.

**Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Review** – Grady mentioned the "new" RSA focus showed in the recent review. This particular review had nothing to do with independent living (IL); it was focused entirely on VR.

They were here a whole week in May, conducted many interviews, including with the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation and many DRS staff. In July, RSA returned their draft preliminary report with nine "findings" they feel we

ned to work on and do better. Grady noted that in all his years with DRS, no findings have ever before been found against them. DRS was required to submit comments and suggestions to address these findings. RSA is still reviewing those and a final report will be coming out soon. This report will get posted online once it is available. Once the final report is out, the next step will be a conference call with RSA to see if they'll agree to our mapped plans to address their findings.

An inquiry was made, if these findings and subsequent results will affect the amount of federal money received in SD? Gaye noted there is one finding that requires the agency to spend down certain funding categories first before other dollars can be spent, but that's the only change impacting expenditures of dollars; Grady agreed.

**DSS Assistive Technology Reuse Work Group** - During the last legislative session, a Medicaid Solutions Work Group was created to identify and develop options to better use Medicaid dollars received in SD. One sub-committee was the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) group. The Assistive Technology (AT) Reuse Work Group is an off-shoot of the HCBS group. One option identified as a way to curb expenditures was the re-use of durable medical equipment, such as hospital beds, wheel chairs, canes, pumps, walkers. This group is currently developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for distribution seeking a provider that would manage this program. The program will include a plan to gather items, evaluate their condition, clean and refurbish those with viable reuse, value and redistribute to persons in need of these items. To date three meetings have been held. This effort has required buy-in from the suppliers who sell these devices. This program will need partnerships between hospitals, DME providers, and other assistive technology agencies to be successful, no matter who is awarded the contract.

**Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) Report** – Grady reported that the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation met in Aberdeen in early June in conjunction with the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF). They tried to have Secretary Gill attend, but due to scheduling and travel issues at the last minute, she wasn't able to do so. They had presenters from the Office of Disability Services at Northern State University (NSU) and the Special Education Program at Aberdeen Central High School, which runs the Transition Learning Campus (TLC) for students with disabilities at Presentation College. Many BVR members also attended some of the YLF events, including the legislative panel and the luncheon. Members were

impressed with the quality of the students attending YLF and their levels of enthusiasm, and the event itself.

Grady noted that October is “National Disability Employment Awareness Month” (NDEAM). There will be a proclamation from the Governor announcing this event, and press releases will be circulated. There are a dozen towns around the state that will hold some form of an event in October honoring disability employment in their communities. Staff will email a full listing of events to members. As SILC members, please try to attend an event in your area. The SILC will reimburse your expenses, such as mileage or registration fees; contact SILC staff for details.

**Governor’s Awards** – Grady explained that the Governor’s Awards are a three-way collaboration between the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the Statewide Independent Living Council. Earlier in the year, a call for nominations was jointly mailed out. A committee with representation from all three groups reviewed them in detail, scored them, and made recommendations for the award recipients. These recommendations were forwarded to the Governor for his action. The awards event will be Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm in the Rotunda of the State Capitol Building, with a reception to immediately follow at the Capitol Lake Visitors Center on the Capitol grounds. This date was selected to coincide with the Pierre/Fort Pierre NDEAM event that morning at the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center in Fort Pierre, where TV actress, comedian and author, Geri Jewell will be speaking about overcoming her disability and following your dreams. SILC members were invited to attend either event or both events. Simply contact SILC staff for assistance, and travel expenses will be reimbursed.

#### **DIVISION OF SERVICE TO THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED (DSBVI)**

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Gaye Mattke explained due to the same scenario Grady reported earlier she is no longer a SILC member. She’s pleased to turn the reins over to Sandy Neyhart who will now be representing the Division.

**Older Blind IL Program** – Sandy thanked Gaye for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Sandy said she recently participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Director’s Conference in Arlington, VA. It was helpful to meet with twenty other directors who experience similar issues running Older Blind programs. A common issue among many, although not in SD, is their seasonal migrant farm workers’ programs.

Sandy reported that in July, KIMM-Radio, Rapid City, hosted them for an on-air promotional program. They are an “all talk” show only format now. SBVI got to explain their services, target audience, share some success stories and how to contact them. It was fun to reach out to a large town like that and tell positive stories. Turned out that an employee had a parent use our Older Blind Services and they were impressed, they wanted to help us spread the word. It was a great opportunity.

Next Sandy reported that they have twelve Peer Support Groups located around the state. Their newest one is located in Brookings, thanks to a volunteer, Megan Lemke, from Volga who is leading the group.

**Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) program** - It has 186 total units out with consumers. As in the past, turnover is low. They are still slowly phasing out older models and replacing them with newer high definition (HD) models. These newer models work well for someone who is right on the brink of losing their vision entirely. We’re soon getting 12 new units and those will be installed by DakotaLink. A member inquired if there is a waiting list for these units. Sandy reported that there is not a waiting list to get a unit. There is however a waiting list of folks who already have a unit, but would like to upgrade to a flat screen, and that’s mostly just a space issue for people.

**Board of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired** – Sandy reported that they now have two new members on their Board, Dan Weischedel, a former consumer from Sturgis; and Eric Rippentropp, who had been featured in one of their promotional ads. Eric happens to be going on the Board to replace out-going member – Dave Miller, who is now on the SILC. Sandy turned to Dave and thanked him for his past service to the Board of SBVI.

This Board will meet again on Friday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Sioux Falls Ramkota and in conjunction, they will hold a Public Meeting. The Board Chairperson is Linda Biffert of Volga, the Vice Chair is now Marilyn Steffen, Yankton, and the Member At Large is Karla Bucknall, Rapid City.

## **BREAK**

**DRS IL Services Report** - Denise White provided members with a pie chart (See Attachment B), noting she chose to highlight the strong balance now between the four core service areas. After an inquiry, she confirmed that this chart is for the three months of June, July and August. As

of that date, approximately 55% of the funds have been spent; approximately \$184,000. She said data collection is going more smoothly. CIL staff are trained to code their hours worked and services provided into a system of many categories we have for tracking purposes, and the ability to run the numbers on different variables, i.e. staff, service, location. A member asked if she knew the dollar amount or rate that services are being reimbursed at; Denise replied, currently it is \$59.76 per hour. Consensus was the SILC would like to see more details in the future on such figures, see the other categories and learn how CIL staff enters data into the coding system.

Grady explained that historically, the SILC and designated state unit (DSU) felt the CILs were not providing enough of the four core services, so we focused on that area with training, how to track services provided, and how they were coding time to ultimately create the invoice by which they get paid. Grady added he feels the possible coming of the “money follows the person” grant will create a move away from the Medicaid dollars supporting people in institutions into possibly utilizing these dollars more towards IL services from the CILs. Sarah said that North Dakota uses the “money follows the person” and it seems to work really well up there. Denise added that they are working with the state Bureau of Information and Technology (BIT) on additional reports. Specifically they want some reports to identify and approach persons with quadriplegia who are younger to see if they would be interested in a move out of a nursing home and back into the community.

**Assisted Daily Living Services Report (ADLS)** – Denise reported that the five-year waiver renewal was approved. Currently there are 109 participants on ADLS; they can receive a maximum of 42 hours per week, per individual.

Next Denise reported her main contact on the ramp program at the Springfield State Prison explained that the wait on getting ramps has to do with them being required to do bulk ordering of supplies/materials. He appreciates your understanding of the impact this has on delivery and/or availability. Denise added that the CILs are doing fine with their ramp programs. ILC utilizes one main contractor who’s in charge of all their ramps and that seems to work for them. It was asked, are there stock piles of ramps or ramp pieces somewhere? Matt answered no, not that he knows of. Pat said he has two ramps stored in his yard, but arrangements are already made for ILC to take them.

A member asked Denise about the 42 hours weekly limit for ADLS, does that count the staff travel time getting there and back? Denise replied no, it is hours spent delivering the actual services.

Vona announced that the SD Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) is applying for an 811 Project Based Grant, and there's no news yet. If they would get that grant, it would involve helping move people out of nursing home settings.

Grady added that he thinks the ramp program is going great again. He appreciates how people have gotten creative, with an "anything to get it done" attitude. On the chance that the Division would ever have some spare funds left at the end of a year, they will try to do a one-time purchase of ramps to have on hand for use by CILs.

Matt inquired if they feel the ADLS funding could go higher since the program appears to be steadily growing. Grady replied that although there may be large numbers, some do not need it as many hours as others, and there are fewer cases with "all four limbs affected" these days. Dave added how in terms of "money follows the person" and moving people out of nursing facilities, there are many other services provided at a nursing facility, i.e. medication administration, that people may still need. Tammy explained that possibly under DSS, there would be some cases where they can provide IL services in support of people living in the community. Grady concluded that there are several different concepts at play here, but it is too early to know how this may impact the delivery of IL services in SD.

#### **SILC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:**

**Budget Report** - Shelly distributed and reviewed a report (See Attachment C). She explained that since this is a brand new start to the fiscal year, it shows zero money spent. After this meeting, Meeting Expenses and Member Travel will get spent down. She reviewed the categories, what they cover and how they typically fluctuate. Shelly explained that these are basically the categories that the SILC has control over. A member inquired if the SILC has paid staff? Shelly replied yes, that herself and Faith are employees of the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities and that through a contract with DRS we act as staff to the SILC and also the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation. She added that is why she occasionally asks to officially step out of her role as SILC Staff to her Coalition Director's role and then returns to her SILC role.

A question was asked if Shelly if she could provide last year's total budget numbers spent, Shelly replied of course, she'll email that to SILC members.

**Thanks for YLF & Dare to Dream Support** – Shelly shared her next handout (See Attachment D) a Thank You page of photos compiled from the June 2012 Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) in Aberdeen. SILC strategic planning category funded a portion of this event, and they wanted you to know it does matter. Also attached is a follow up report from Arlene Poncelet, 2012 Dare to Dream Committee, who reported that conference evaluations confirmed that participants left the conference with accurate information, to help them make informed decisions about their life goals. It is a great networking event where people hear other experiences about accessing services and supports and reaching for their goals. One exciting feature of Dare to Dream is that it is for all ages - kids, teens, and adults. It brings in entire families and has separate events set for the different groups, including respite care and child care. Dare to Dream is bi-annual so the next one is not until June 2014, tentatively in Aberdeen. Shelly added one final thank you from the Dare to Dream Committee. On a related thank you, staff added that the SILC received a thank you note from the Derrold and Peggy Waltner family who had attended Dare to Dream this year. They wrote that “they would not have been able to attend if it had not been for people like you” who helped support funding.

**Homelessness Conference** – Keynote speaker Lloyd Pendleton, reported how Utah has a plan to end their homeless problem by the year 2014, and that its' focus is on preventing homelessness in the first place. He was a great motivator. We have a similar plan in SD, we just have not identified one “champion” here who will take on this issue full-force, such as Pendleton did in Utah. Vona explained how SD Housing Development Authority is not an actual state agency under the Governor's Executive Cabinet. Therefore some of their efforts have not had the focus and attention at the state level as others' might have coming out of a cabinet agency. For example, in UT, their Lt. Gov. is on their Homelessness Committee, and that shows commitment and support of state leadership. Addressing homelessness will take diversity, and we cannot just dwell on lack of money; we must be creative with our ideas. In today's economy, there simply are so many more people right on the brink of becoming homeless, and the reality is, they get bounced around from agency to agency, and none of us are helping enough.

Staff added for example, there is no homeless shelter in Pierre, no walk-in location for short-term help, nothing for persons literally on the streets – and



that alone is proof that we have a long way to go. Pierre Area Referral does a great job with what is available, but what's available isn't enough. Lloyd Pendleton stressed start small, start here, start with one thing, and don't immediately think big-picture. Even starting small takes networking, you have to know what other agencies are doing out there to not duplicate efforts and to not skip some things entirely.

Vona added that in their agencies, they see more and more tenants in their buildings who have a growing need for more IL services, and they are not getting them. So it's a vicious circle, that a tenant misses some IL appointments, something falls through the cracks, they may have circumstances that make them stop taking meds, and before you know it, something else goes wrong and they're being evicted from their apartment and are facing homelessness again, back at square one. So although talk earlier was about getting them out of institutional settings and back out into their own places in the community, she would caution, that only works if they are getting the full support they need to make it work safely every day, or if they're capable enough to make it work themselves.

Vona explained how the feds fund a homeless count twice a year, once in September and again in the winter. Many agencies are responsible for literally going out in person and talking to people and taking a physical count. There are many variables to qualify as homeless, and we try our best to get to everyone, but it is not a science. Margot added how the New Hope Center in Rapid City has already been over-flowing with homeless people. Recently on a very hot day, they served over 100 people lunch, when their daily average to date has only been 47. Vona added that another hard issue with homeless persons is the documentation troubles. If they need a valid driver's license, or a permanent address, or to get a birth certificate from some other state (FL charges \$25) and they'll need mailing materials and postage; or a certified copy of this or that, done in person across town, etc. these little things can be nearly impossible for a homeless people carrying everything they own on their backs.

Grady inquired if the CILs are seeing people with these needs in their work. Matt replied that yes, homelessness and those problems with strict documentation are tricky and fraud is on the rise almost everywhere it seems.

**Region VIII SILC Conference Calls** – Shelly shared how our SILC is now part of a monthly conference call series organized by our new Region VIII

Representative and they include ND, UT, CO, MT, WY and SD. The first call in June was for getting to know each other. Plus they discussed the upcoming SILC Congress. The July call focused on recruitment and retention. The August call focused on consumer satisfaction surveys for assessing needs. In ND, CO, and UT CILs conduct their own consumer satisfaction surveys, but now SILCs are adding five to six questions specifically for the SILC's benefit, to gather details that they need and want. WY stated that they're having a hard time because they're recreating all new survey tools, so that's time consuming. In CO, they're focus is on asking the right questions in the first place. While in UT and ND, they utilize a focus group method for gathering information for formal needs assessments. Shelly added that these calls have been a great sharing opportunity, and a time of learning from each other's efforts.

**THIRD PARTY IL COST EFFECTIVENESS STUDY** – Matt explained that this agreement was with the USD Government Research Bureau. They were to have conducted a study to put valid numbers to the cost effectiveness of IL services and give us something to use when presenting out case to others, i.e. Legislators. To make a long story short, USD had major turnover twice. They finally admitted defeat, and returned all the money we had given them. Matt explained that ILC still holds the \$1,500 in strategic planning funds that the SILC had previously awarded to fund this study (\$500 each for ILC, the former OIL and WRDI). What should we do with it now? After discussion, it was agreed that the SILC would not have trouble spending it elsewhere, so they asked ILC for the full refund. Matt agreed that was fine and said he'll have finance forward a check to SILC staff immediately. He mentioned that peer support or HMAD would be two easy areas to spend it on. Staff explained that we will ask our accountants to create a Pass Through income and expense accounts to track these funds for the SILC.

**MOTION – FOR ILC TO RETURN ALL \$1,500 THIRD-PARTY COST EFFECTIVENESS STUDY MONEY TO THE SILC, AND FOR STAFF TO CREATE THE PROPER INCOME/EXPENSE ACCOUNTS TO DOCUMENT - MSC.**

## **LUNCH**

## **CIL REPORTS:**

**ILC** – Matt Cain, Director, shared his report (See Attachment E). He began by stating they're proud of how strong the peer support groups are going, nine new peer support peer visitors have been trained, so we're staying on

track there. ILC Staff is getting to their maximum capacity of caseloads. They're serving over 2,000 people per year with the exact same staff as when only 780 people were served.

Matt reported they earned almost \$35,000 on their Harley Davidson motorcycle raffle. The winner was a good human interest story. The man had just sold his bike to pay for his wife's medical bills, so he was super happy to win a new one.

Matt reported that the negative pressure wound pumps delivery program is going well. It's been a great way to introduce ourselves and our services to folks who are just about to be leaving a hospital setting and may be looking for services and not even realize it. To date, those have been mainly delivered in the Aberdeen, Yankton, Mitchell, and Sioux Falls areas; no pumps have gone west-river yet.

Matt explained that there are many other things reported in the written report format, which he really likes. After further reviewing it on your own, if SILC members have any questions, Matt said feel free to contact him.

**NAAP** – Marla Bull Bear, Director, shared her written report with members (See Attachment F). She began by agreeing with Matt, that she too likes the new reporting tool format. It will be helpful when the time comes to write our 704 Reports. Marla reported that they have been working more with donor places such as the Tree of Life Ministries. Plus they always have a few donors who wish to remain anonymous. Marla said she's currently in talks with a donor out of NY, so hopefully that wraps up well, as they seek to diversify their funding base.

Marla said that their staff and board have stayed the same now for a while, and the consistency has been good. She explained that she tries to attend all tribal meetings and many other smaller town council meetings for outreach. There were over 3,000 people in attendance at a Rosebud Sioux Tribe Fair and Powwow Event that they networked at. Plus she added that they had a booth in Wagner at a "Stand for Vets" Day celebration they held. A message from this event was about the growing need for more veteran programs in the future.

Next Marla spoke of a family who came to them after their son was badly injured in a car wreck, and they needed a ramp installed quickly. We got them the right ramp, in place, and in time for his release from the hospital.

We later then were humbled by a huge public acknowledgement from that boy's family, to all of us at NAAP, it was touching.

Marla reported that they had been active with several alcohol prevention camps for area youth, and they're noticing more of those attending are students with disabilities. So far they have been able to meet their accommodation needs too. She voiced a need for wheelchairs of any type, any size, but especially larger ones. Matt noted that ILC may have some loaner manual wheel chairs that they could send NAAP.

Marla noted that if after reading her report in further detail, SILC members may contact her with any questions or concerns. Denise praised Marla and her staff for the good job they are doing with, quite simply, the large territory they cover and for the wide variety and sometimes extra tough situations they encounter.

**WRDI** – Ann Van Loan, was not able to be at the SILC meeting today. She had sent her report with Margot which was shared with the members (See Attachment G). Time was allowed for members to review it. A member inquired about the differences in the way it appears hours of service and case numbers are listed from one report to another. Consensus was that we should ask that these figures to reflect apples to apples, so the CIL Director's Report can be a useful tool for the SILC to carry out its duties and responsibilities. No further questions/comments arose.

#### **Conversation –**

**SILC Consumer Satisfaction Surveys:** Margot explained that thanks in part to the crumbling of the cost effectiveness study through USD, she would like to suggest that a sub-committee be formed to work on a consumer satisfaction survey tool, and she asked for volunteers. Her thoughts are that the sub-committee meetings will be conducted via conference calls and email, not in-person meetings. Bernie Grimme, having been familiar with consumer satisfaction surveys before, volunteered and offered to Chair this sub-committee. Other volunteers included Sandy Neyhart and Tammy Kabris. Staff noted that in the past, Shelly Schock had offered to serve on this group. Even though he had just left, it was suggested we ask Matt to serve on the committee Margot thanked them all for volunteering to help on this group.

**SPIL Work Plan:** Staff shared a handout (See Attachment H) of the current State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Work Plan. This is a living

document, meaning we're always working on it, reviewing, tweaking, and planning out the next steps of completion. Margot called for volunteers willing to step up and work on this sub-committee. Dave Miller, Sarah Rush, Sandy Neyhart and Denise White volunteered. Margot will also ask Matt or Marla to help on this one too. Dave Miller will be the Committee Chairperson.

Margot added that the overall plan of this committee will be to simply monitor progress on the existing SPIL goals and lay out plans for development of the new SPIL which will be submitted next year. Margot, as SILC Chair, plans to sit in on both of these sub-committees to stay informed of their work

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Margot said that she knows there are some updates from the Disability Advocacy Network (DAN) but that she was unable to attend their last meeting so asked Dave Miller if he could give a brief update. Dave stated he had actually been the facilitator at the last video-conferencing meeting. There were about ten different organizations represented that day. There are usually closer over twenty organizations invited and involved with DAN events. Dave explained that they all had chances to review upcoming state or federal legislative issues in each of their disability community or group. Dave added that a common issue of concern to watch closely this coming year is the penny sales tax legislation. Dave announced that the Disability Advocacy Network's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Disability Policy Summit will be Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 – 3:30, at the Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma. They'll be reviewing legislative and policy priorities for the coming year, and start making rough plans for how issues will be monitored, approached and by whom. New this year, there is a \$50 registration fee per organization, for up to two representatives to attend the Policy Summit, this will cover meeting related expenses, and lunch for two people. For further details contact Shelly Pfaff at the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities.

Margot called for any Other Business. Staff mentioned they received notice it was Membership Renewal time for the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities. Organizational dues are \$35. Discussion occurred stating that the SILC feels it important to maintain that strong connection and support our friends at the Coalition. **MOTION TO PAY \$35 ORGANIZATIONAL DUES AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL \$65 DONATION FOR \$100 TOTAL TO THE COALITION – MSC.**

Margot said she had one more announcement from behalf of the Coalition.

She explained that the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities is trying a new venture. We are producing a play about the struggles of living with a family member diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. It's written and performed by Don Boyd of Pierre, who is a well-known theater performer in our region. He has performed for years in hundreds of productions. Don promises the audience both laughs and tears, as he highlights the highs and lows of the journey called Alzheimer's. This is a one night only performance, 7:30 pm Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at the Pierre Riggs High School Theater. For Pierre-Fort Pierre area folks who may be interested, tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door; contact the Coalition.

### **CLOSING ACTIONS:**

**Future Agenda Items** - New member orientation will be a needed at future meetings. Staff inquired of new members if they would prefer to have small sessions and learn portions as we go, or prefer one long orientation session. After discussing, the choice was to have one longer session.

Also mentioned for next agenda would be the two sub-committees' reports, a DAN update report and a Fall VR Conference report. Denise mentioned adding the 704 report to that agenda. Margot mentioned maybe it was time to ask DHS Secretary Laurie Gill to come visit this council again. Staff will see how schedules work out.

**SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING** – Date ideas were discussed, and after checking calendars, the next meeting is planned for Tuesday afternoon, November 27<sup>th</sup>, a New Member Orientation; then Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, will be the regular SILC meeting. Pierre/Fort Pierre was chosen again as the host site. Staff will let members know when arrangements are finalized.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Margot thanked everyone for a good meeting and gave a final extra welcome to the new members.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN – MSC.** This SILC meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 pm.